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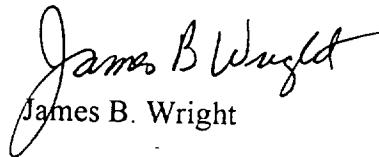
Re: Docket No. 97-00409: All Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding  
Reclassification of Pay Telephone Service  
UTSE Response to TRA Staff's Data Request

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Attached are the original and thirteen (13) copies of United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.'s Response to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Staff's data request dated October 27, 2000 in the above-referenced docket. Please note certain of the information is proprietary and as such is subject to the protective order entered in this case.

Please contact Laura Sykora (919-554-7323) or Kaye Odum at (919-554-5277) if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
James B. Wright

Enclosures

C: Honorable Lynn Greer, Pre-Hearing Officer  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE; DOCKET 97-00409  
(Pay Telephone Service Reclassification)

The undersigned hereby certifies that on November 8, 2000 the foregoing United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. Response to Staff data request was served upon the following parties of record by fax or by depositing in the U.S mail addressed as follows:

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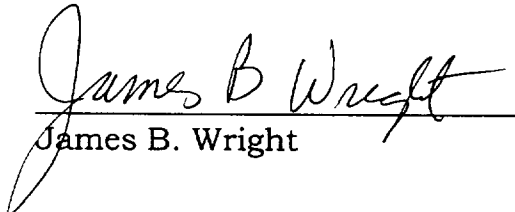
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Question 1: Provide financial statements for Sprints' Tennessee payphone operations for the years ended 1997, 1998, 1999, and year-to-date 2000.

Response: Attached is Sprint's financial information for the years 1998, 1999, and year-to-date 2000. Sprint does not maintain records on a state-by-state basis for nonregulated public access services. The requested information is not available for 1997 since payphones were not tracked as a separate business segment at the time.

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Question 3: Please indicate whether the cost study information filed by Sprint in Docket 97-00409 is based on jurisdictionally separated or unseparated costs?

Response: The cost study information filed by Sprint in Docket 97-00409 is based on jurisdictionally separated costs.